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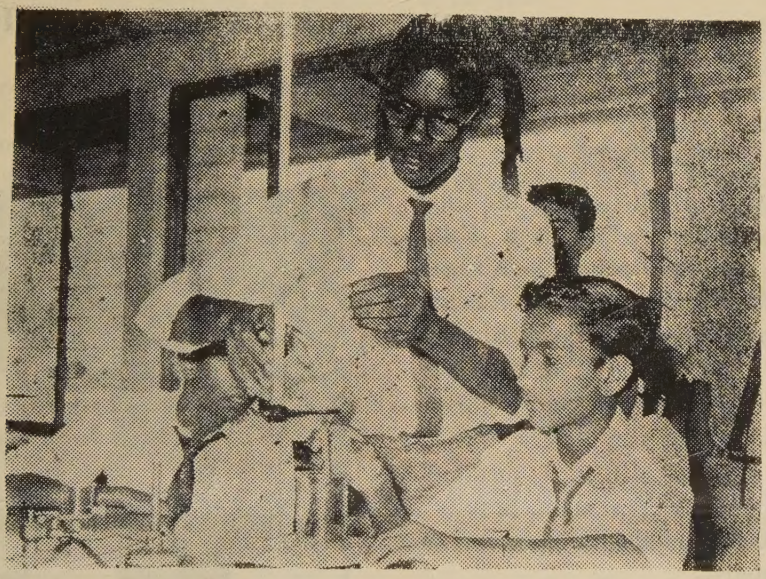
SKELDON LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL



Students at work in Chemistry Laboratory.

Three years ago Science was not taught as a subject in any secondary school in the Corentyne. Yet here it was most needed. An elementary course in science was necessary for those who were to support or lead in the basic industries of the district as well as for those who were leaving the district to pursue higher education overseas. Students who were inclined to pursue courses in engineering or medicine had to leave the district with School Certificates only having arts or literary subjects.

In 1958 our new block of buildings, housing the laboratories, opened its doors. This building consists of a Chemistry laboratory, balance room, a stock and preparation room, and a combined laboratory for Physics and Biology. Recently we adopted the Physics laboratory for projection during the day. We can now show films, slides, filmstrips, and microslides, in this darkened room at any time of the day. To support this project we have also just bought a new 16mm. film-sound projector. Our laboratories are

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now very adequately equipped and could compare favourably with the best in the country.

In our first two forms all students do a general course called Introductory Science. Thereafter, they exercise the option to continue with the science subjects or not. In December our first set of students who have completed a three year course will write General Science at the School Certificate examination, while in June, next year, they will offer Physics, Chemistry, and Biology as separate subjects. In addition to pursuing these regular courses in science a number of students participate freely in the activities of the Science Club.

SEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE SYNODICAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Seventh Biennial Convention of the Women's League of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in British Guiana was held July 31—August 2 in New Amsterdam. Ebenezer Women's League was the host League.

The theme—"The Cost of Discipleship".—with its sub-themes, was the basis of study and meditation throughout the convention. Several of the pastors conducted devotions and Bible study.

On Monday evening, the guest speaker was Mrs. Barry Lang, who gave a very fine address on the theme. Following her lecture, the Ebenezer Women's League presented the playlet "Life's Highway" which was well staged and very fitting.

Convention was privileged to have Miss Pauline Stauffer from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as a special visitor and speaker. As an art teacher and one

Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Hamlet discussing the programme for Convention

Seventh Biennial Convention of Women's League — *Contd.*

who is interested in religious art, she had a wealth of knowledge and inspiration to share through her slide lecture.

The business sessions contained several items of interest. Approximately sixty people were present at convention and most of the twenty-three affiliated leagues were represented. A total membership of 372 was reported as of April 1, 1961. Two new leagues were affiliated during the biennium and some leagues have been formed with the intention of affiliating soon.

Reports of the leagues were given which revealed varied activities. An outstanding project reported was the making of paraments by the St. Philips and Emmanuel leagues. Some were displayed for convention.

It was voted that district women's leagues be organized as early as possible. Mrs. Hector Magalee gave a history of the Women's League and of the Old Folks' Home project which should soon be a reality. The women decided to continue to use their Thank Offering for the furthering of the Old Folks' Home. The Rev. E. B. Meyer, pastoral advisor to the Women's League, reported that the church had employed a new architect for this project and that instead of the cottage system, small dormitories for eight are approved by the church. Convention voted to designate its Thank Offering towards the cost of one dormitory. Any additional will go towards the furnishing of the dormi' tories. Work should begin by the end of the year.

The officers elected for the coming biennium are as follows: President — Mrs. Desmond Hamlet; Vice President—Mrs. A. Saunders; Recording Secretary — Sheila Ratna; Corresponding Secretary — Michaela Godette; Treasurer — Mrs. I. Dookram; Parish Worker Representative— Mrs. Doris Raghunauth; Woman Missionary Advisor—Miss Martha Petersen.

Costly and courageous discipleship is needed today as in times past. May the women of our church be equal to its demands.

NEWS FROM THE ALNESS PARISH, CORENTYNE

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHIM, CORENTYNE

Catechist D. Lalsingh — Pastor E. B. Meyer

During the month of May, St. James sponsored a series of Gospel meetings commencing Sunday, May 14 — Friday, 19, 1961.

The meetings were very inspirational. Each night, the audience listened with rapt attention. Many confessed and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Members of St. James have benefited so much from these meetings, that it is their intention to hold another series of meetings in the month of October, 1961.

Those participating in the meeting were:— Rev. E. B. Meyer, Rev. J. Muchan of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Gordon Matthews, member of Ebenezer Lutheran Church. The average attendance per night was 900 persons.

NEWS FROM THE WILLIAMSBURG PARISH, CORENTYNE

Pastor E. B. Meyer.

Sunday, June 11, 1961 was a memorable day for the men of St. John's congregation, Williamsburg, Corentyne. For it was on this day that the men of the church banded themselves into a working arm of the congregation and are now known as St. John's Crusaders. This now brings the group of men's auxiliaries in the church in British Guiana to three.

The following were elected to office:

Mr. H. Dyal — President
Mr. Peter Buchan — Vice-President
Mr. J. Gocool — Secretary
Mr. Charles Persaud — Treasurer
Messrs. Francis Potter, Ivan Narsayah — Executive Members.

Your prayers are solicited for this newly formed organisation.

Congratulations! St. John's Crusade, let your watchword be:

"Jesus, let me always be,
In thy service glad and free."

NEWS FROM CALVARY

F. D. Christhilf — Pastor.

EVANGELISM IS OUR BIG CHALLENGE

That Evangelism is our great challenge was realised by Cavalry Sunday School when its enthusiastic and ardent teachers ventured on a Child-Evangelism Project during the month of June.

Each teacher with two pupils formed a visiting team and these teams went visiting the homes of lapsed members and at the same time tried to contact new prospects for Sunday School, Luther League and the church. Before venturing on this mission the children and teachers were instructed by Pastor Christhilf, who is himself convinced that the growth and strength of any church depends on its Evangelism. The pastor gave brief instructions but emphasized the point that such a plan was one initiated by Our Lord and blessed by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He thus assured the teachers and little evangelists that they would find their mission one of joy and one brimful with rich experiences.

That joy was found and lives of both teachers and pupils have been enriched. Teachers reported at their Sunday School Cabinet that they found their little lay visitors and partners happy and enthusiastic, and no less receptive were the homes which they visited. Parents were happy to meet the teachers and the children were most warm-hearted and grateful to their teachers who visited them. The fact that this venture was successful was borne out when teachers mentioned that their classes have grown, lapsed members have returned, and new members added to the Sunday School.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord". Thus the Child

Evangelism is our Big Challenge — *Contd.*

Evangelism Project was brought to a close and climax when parents, teachers, and children worshipped together in the morning service of July 9, 1961. At this service Pastor Christhilf, welcomed the little church members, congratulated the Sunday School, and brought a special message for the children. The hymn, "I was made a Christian" was fittingly sung, and the Sunday School and congregation went home with a sense of joy and feeling of having accomplished something for Christ, His children, and His Church!

Truly, Evangelism is Our Big Job and a Great Challenge. Are you ready to make it yours? If not, why not?

REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP OFFICE FOR JANUARY/JUNE, 1961.

Your Secretaries beg to make the following report:—

1. That 83.4 per cent. ($14,597.99) of the first half year's apportionment ($17,500.00) was received by the Church as of July 12, 1961, leaving a deficit of $2,902.01.

2. That four parishes exceeded the half year's goal, namely :—

   Skeldon, 149.5%; New Amsterdam, 105.6%; Success, 119.2%; Ruimveldt, 101.2%.

3. That two congregations met the year's apportionment, namely:— Ascention congregation as of June 21, 1961, and Nativity congregation as of June 27, 1961.

4. That fourteen congregations exceeded the first half year's apportionment. Congregations in the Skeldon parish exceeded their goal as of June 27, 1961. In the Upper Berbice River parish, Grace congregation exceeded as of June 12, 1961, Mt. Olivet congregation as of May 15, Hururu and Riverside P. Points as of May 15. Ebenezer congregation exceeded her goal as of June 28.

5. That St. Barnabas met her goal as of June 27, and Calvary as of July 5.

We recommend:—

1. That congregations make every effort to remit apportionment monthly.

2. That congregations consider apportionment as its primary obligation, in their budgets.

In conclusion, we want to express our gratitude to Almighty God for what has been achieved. We would be found ungrateful, if we were not to express our appreciation to all our members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and particularly to those congregations who exceeded their goal. Let us continue to adore and to worship the Christ Child, with the Time, the Talents and the Treasures, entrusted in our care.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) CYRIL S. CHU,
DONALD R. GEBERT,
Stewardship Secretaries.

APPORTIONMENT RECEIPTS — JANUARY 1—JUNE 30, 1961.

		Apportionment	Paid	Over	Short	
I.	**Skeldon Parish**					
1.	Nativity	$ 162.50	$ 325.00	$ 162.50	$	
2.	Emmanuel	375.00	550.00	175.00		
3.	St. Philip	175.00	250.00	75.00		
4.	St. Matthias	112.50	171.00	58.50		
	St. Barnabas P.P.	125.00	125.00			149%
		950.00	1,421.00	471.00		
II.	**Alness Parish**					
5.	St. Luke	268.75	152.00		116.75	
6.	St. Stephen	218.75	157.00		61.75	
7.	St. Michael	231.25	208.25		23.00	
8.	St. James	250.00	250.00			79%
		968.75	767.25		201.50	
III.	**Williamsburg**					
9.	St. John	581.25	600.00	18.75		
10.	St. Peter	331.25	188.00		143.25	
11.	St. Bartholomew	206.25	208.00	1.75		87%
		1,118.75	996.00	20.50	143.25	
IV.	**East Canje**					
12.	Transfiguration	600.00	400.00		200.00	
13.	Holy Cross	156.25	210.50	54.25		
14.	Bethel	162.50	106.26		56.24	78%
		918.75	716.76	54.25	256.24	
V.	**New Amsterdam**					
15.	Ebenezer	2,506.25	2,646.26	140.01		105.6%
VI.	**West Canje**					
16.	St. Thomas	381.25	317.70		63.55	
17.	St. Timothy	550.00	458.30		91.70	
18.	Our Saviour	156.25	104.16		52.09	81%
		1,087.50	880.16		207.34	
VII.	**Mara Parish**					
19.	St. Catherine	125.00	83.36		41.64	
20.	St. Mark	181.25	120.63		60.62	
21.	St. Clement	187.50	169.00		18.50	75.5%
		493.75	372.99		120.76	
VIII.	**Upper Berbice River**					
22.	Grace	350.00	408.36	58.36		
23.	Reformation	281.25	190.00		91.25	
24.	Atonement	156.25	44.75		111.50	
25.	Mt. Hermon	450.00	168.00		282.00	

Apportionment Receipts — *Contd.*

		Apportionment	Paid	Over	Short	
26.	St. Paul	$ 568.75	$ 343.00	$	$ 225.75	
27.	Mt. Carmel	531.25	420.62		110.63	
	Hururu P.P.	81.25	131.00	49.75		
	Riverside Chapel		59.00	59.00		
28.	Mount Olivet	206.25	373.00	166.75		81.5%
		2,625.00	2,137.73	333.86	821.13	
IX.	**Rosignol**					
29.	Good Shepherd	456.25	204.00		252.25	
30.	Nazareth	318.75	71.00		247.75	35.5%
		775.00	275.00		500.00	
X.	**Armadale**					
31.	Resurrection	168.75	111.13		57.62	
32.	Faith	206.25	39.00		167.25	
33.	Advent	362.50	112.00		250.00	36%
		737.50	262.13		475.37	
XI.	**Seafield**					
34.	Hope	206.25	95.00		111.25	
35.	Christ	293.75	39.00		254.75	
36.	Bethany	156.25	123.60		32.65	
	Bethlehem P.P.	150.00	61.42		88.58	
	Augsburg P.P.	56.25			56.25	37%
		862.50	319.02		543.48	
XII.	**Bee Hive**					
	Bee Hive P.P.	118.75	30.00		88.75	
37.	Holy Communion	200.00	67.00		133.00	
38.	St. Matthew	243.75	78.00		165.75	31.5%
		562.50	175.00		387.50	
XIII.	**Buxton**					
39.	Salem	181.25	181.26	.01		
40.	Messiah	212.50	198.80		13.70	
41.	Holy Trinity	250.00	150.00		100.00	82%
		643.75	530.06	.01	113.70	
XIV.	**Success**					
42.	St. Andrew	243.75	290.31	46.56		
43.	Sadhu Sundar Singh	218.75	261.12	42.37		119.2%
		462.50	551.43	88.93		
XV.	**Campbellville**					
44.	St. Mary	143.75	97.00		46.75	
45.	Redeemer	537.50	360.00		177.50	67%
		681.25	457.00		224.25	

Apportionment Receipts — *Contd.*

	Apportionment	Paid	Over	Short	
XVI. Georgetown					
46. Calvary	$ 675.00	$ 675.00	$	$	100%
XVII. Ruimveldt					
47. Epiphany	762.50	634.45		128.05	
48. Ascension	243.75	487.50	243.75		
49. Mount Zion	237.50	137.00		100.50	101%
	1,243.75	1,258.95	243.75	228.55	
XVIII. Vreed-en-Hoop					
Vreed-en-Hoop P.P.	187.50	156.25		31.25	84%

SUMMARY OF HALF YEAR'S APPORTIONMENT JANUARY—JUNE 30, 1961.

PARISH	Apportionment Jan.-June 30, 1961	Paid	Over	Short
1. Skeldon	$ 950.00	$ 1,421.00	$ 471.00	$
2. Alness	968.75	767.25		201.50
3. Williamsburg	1,118.75	996.00		122.75
4. East Canje	918.75	716.76		201.99
5. New Amsterdam	2,506.25	2,646.26	140.01	
6. West Canje	1,087.50	880.16		207.34
7. Mara Parish	493.75	372.99		120.76
8. Upper Berbice	2,625.00	2,137.73		487.27
9. Rosignol	775.00	275.00		500.00
10. Armadale	737.50	262.13		475.37
11. Seafield	862.50	319.02		543.48
12. Bee Hive	562.50	175.00		387.50
13. Buxton	643.75	530.06		113.69
14. Success	462.50	551.43	88.93	
15. Campbellville	681.25	457.00		224.25
16. Georgetown	675.00	675.00		
17. Ruimveldt	1,243.75	1,258.95	15.20	
18. Vreed-en-Hoop	187.50	156.25		31.25
	17,500.00	14,597.99	715.14	3,617.15

Apportionment for year 1961	$35,000.00
Apportionment for January 1-June 30, 1961	$17,500.00
Received to July 12, 1961—83.4 per cent	$14,597.99
Deficit:	$ 2,902.01

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